

(f) *PROCESSING OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS.*—The Secretary shall establish a process to ensure that permit applicants for commercial filming, still photography, or other activity are responded to in a timely manner.

The title was amended so as to read "An Act to allow the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a fee system for commercial filming activities on Federal land, and for other purposes."

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 154), as amended, was passed.

EMERGENCY RESCUES AT DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

The bill (S. 698) to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at Denali National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 698

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no later than nine months after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") shall complete a report on the suitability and feasibility of recovering the costs of high altitude rescues on Mt. McKinley, within Denali National Park and Preserve. The Secretary shall also report on the suitability and feasibility of requiring climbers to provide proof of medical insurance prior to the issuance of a climbing permit by the National Park Service. The report shall also review the amount of fees charged for a climbing permit and make such recommendations for changing the fee structure as the Secretary deems appropriate. Upon completion, the report shall be submitted to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.

NATIVE HIRING BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ALASKA

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 748) to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 748

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REPORT.

(a) Within six months after the enactment of this Act the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") shall submit a report detailing the progress the Department has made in the implementation of the provisions of sections 1307 and

1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and [section 638] provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The report shall include a detailed action plan on the future implementation of the provisions of sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and [section 638] provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The report shall describe, in detail, the measures and actions that will be taken, along with a description of the anticipated results to be achieved during the next three fiscal years. The report shall focus on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior in Alaska and shall also address any laws, rules, regulations and policies which act as a deterrent to hiring Native Alaskans or contracting with Native Alaskans to perform and conduct activities and programs of those agencies and bureaus under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior.

(b) The report shall be completed within existing appropriations and shall be transmitted to the Committee on Resources of the United States Senate; and the Committee on Resources of the United States House of Representatives.

SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) In furtherance of the goals of sections 1307 and 1308 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, the Secretary shall—

(1) implement pilot programs to employ residents of local communities at the following units of the National Park System located in northwest Alaska:

- (A) Bering Land Bridge National Preserve,
- (B) Cape Krusenstern National Monument,
- (C) Kobuk Valley National Park, and
- (D) Noatak National Preserve; and

(2) report on the results of the programs within one year to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.

(b) In implementing the programs, the Secretary shall consult with the Native Corporations, non-profit organizations, and Tribal entities in the immediate vicinity of such units and shall also, to the extent practicable, involve such groups in the development of interpretive materials and the pilot programs relating to such units.

[(c) The objective of such programs shall be, to the extent possible, to establish cooperative arrangements, through contracts or other means, that will allow local communities and residents to assume administrative and management responsibilities for those units, or portions of those units, of the National Park System in a manner that will accomplish the purposes for which the units were established and consistent with policies set forth in the Act of August 23, 1916 (39 Stat. 535, 16 U.S.C. 1).

[(d) **PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**—(1) Any career employee of the National Park Service, employed at one of the Alaska northwest parks at the time of the transfer of an operation or program to a local Native entity by contract, shall not be separated from the Service by reason of such transfer.

[(2) Any career employee of the National Park Service employed at any one of the parks in northwest Alaska at the time of the transfer of an operation or program to a local Native entity shall be given priority placement for any available position within the National Park Service System notwithstanding any priority reemployment lists, directives, rules, regulations or other orders

from the Department of the Interior, the Office of Management and Budget, or other Federal agencies.]

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 748), as amended, was passed, as follows:

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NATIONAL DISCOVERY TRAILS ACT OF 1999

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 734) entitled "National Discovery Trails Act of 1999," which had been reported from the Committee on